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Application of South Carolina Electric &
Gas Company for a Certificate of
Environmental Compatibility and Public
Convenience and Necessity for the
Construction and Operation of the
Graniteville-South Augusta 230 kV Tie
Line and Urquhart-Graniteville #2 230 kV
Line and Associated Facilities

This Stipulation is made by and between the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) and South Carolina Electric & Gas Company (“SCE&G”) (collectively referred to as the “Parties” or sometimes individually as a “Party”).

WHEREAS, in the Application, as modified in SCE&G's direct testimony, SCE&G seeks a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Convenience and Necessity ("Certificate") for the construction and operation of two 230 kilovolt ("kV") transmission lines.

The first is a new single circuit 230 kV tie line connecting the SCE&G and Southern Company electrical transmission systems originating at the Southern Company's South Augusta Substation and running to SCE&G's existing Graniteville No. 2 Substation. The second line will originate at SCE&G's existing Urquhart 230 kV Substation adjacent to the Urquhart Generating Station and run to SCE&G's existing Graniteville No. 1 Substation. SCE&G states that these facilities are needed to prevent excessive electrical loading on a critical Southern Company-SCE&G interconnecting 230 kV Line;

WHEREAS, the Parties to this Stipulation are parties of record in the above-captioned docket;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of S.C. Code Ann. § 58-33-140 (2015) the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control ("DHEC"), the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, and the South Carolina Department of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, are also parties to this proceeding (collectively, the "Other Parties of Record"). The Other Parties of Record have all made filings with the Commission indicating that they have no issues or concerns with SCE&G's Application. DHEC has, however, specifically provided that its consent here does not waive any comments or concerns which it may have in future proceedings before the Commission or in reviewing any relevant applications for DHEC permits or approvals on this project;

WHEREAS, the Parties have engaged in discussions to determine if a Stipulation would be in their best interest; and

WHEREAS, following these discussions the Parties have determined that their interests, and those of the public, would be best served by reaching an agreement on matters set forth in SCE&G's Application in the above-captioned case under the terms and conditions set forth below:

1. The Parties agree to stipulate into the record before the Commission the direct testimony and exhibits of the following witnesses without objection, change, amendment or cross-examination with the exception of changes comparable to that which would be presented via an errata sheet or through a witness noting a correction.

- A. SCE&G witnesses: Joseph Wade Richards and Nathan V. Bass.
- B. ORS witness: Michael L. Seaman-Huynh.

2. As a compromise, the following is adopted, accepted, and acknowledged as the agreement of the Parties:

- A. ORS will recommend that the Commission approve SCE&G's Application, as modified in SCE&G's direct testimony, and grant SCE&G a Certificate for the Graniteville #2-South Augusta 230 kV Tie Line and Urquhart-Graniteville 230 kV Line and Associated Facilities, as requested in the Application in this Docket;
- B. SCE&G agrees to follow all South Carolina, Commission and local government regulations and laws arising from matters set forth in the Application; and
- C. SCE&G will notify ORS and the Commission when the facilities begin commercial operation and of any changes to the planned commercial operation dates.

3. The Parties agree this Stipulation is reasonable, in the public interest and in accordance with law and regulatory policy.

4. Further, ORS is charged with the duty to represent the public interest of South Carolina pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B) (2015). S.C. Code Ann. § 58-4-10(B)(1) through (3) reads in part as follows:

“... ‘public interest’ means a balancing of the following:

- (1) Concerns of the using and consuming public with respect to public utility services, regardless of the class of customer;

- (2) Economic development and job attraction and retention in South Carolina; and
- (3) Preservation of the financial integrity of the State's public utilities and continued investment in and maintenance of utility facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality utility services."

5. The Parties agree to cooperate in good faith with one another in recommending to the Commission that this Stipulation be accepted and approved by the Commission as a fair, reasonable and full resolution in the above-captioned proceeding. The Parties agree to use reasonable efforts to defend and support any Commission order issued approving this Stipulation and the terms and conditions contained herein.

6. This written Stipulation contains the complete agreement of the Parties. There are no other terms and conditions to which the Parties have agreed. The Parties agree that this Stipulation will not constrain, inhibit or impair their arguments or positions held in future proceedings, nor will the Stipulation or any of the matters agreed to in it be used as evidence or precedent in any future proceeding. If the Commission should decline to approve the Stipulation in its entirety, then any Party desiring to do so may withdraw from the Stipulation without penalty.

7. This Stipulation shall be interpreted according to South Carolina law. The above terms and conditions fully represent the agreement of the Parties hereto. Therefore, each Party acknowledges its consent and agreement to this Stipulation by authorizing its counsel to affix his or her signature to this document where indicated below. Counsel's signature represents his or her representation that his or her client has authorized the execution of the agreement. Facsimile signatures and e-mail signatures shall be as effective as original signatures to bind any party. This document may be signed in counterparts, with the various signature pages combined with the body of the document constituting an original and provable copy of this Stipulation.

WE AGREE:

Representing and binding the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff



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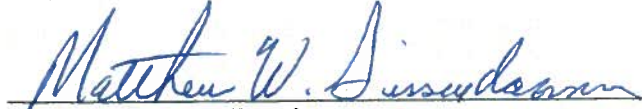
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